

Vivian Shimoyama, Chair
John Thomas, Vice Chair
Milton Duena, Commissioner
Erica Jacquez, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner



Kevin Noertker, Commissioner
Nima Novin, Commissioner
Jayro Sandoval, Commissioner
Robert Smith, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 3:10 PM, Chair Shimoyama called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Smith, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama

Commissioners Absent: Duena

Also present: Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Atoy Wilson, Deputy City Attorney, Vanessa Hall, City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Shimoyama spoke; and announced that Commissioner Duena was excused from the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. 25-54526 Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Economic Development Commission meeting of Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jacquez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Smith, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 1 Duena

- 2. 25-54527 Recommendation to receive and file an update on Long Beach Economic Partnership (LBEP) and upcoming 2025 activities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner

Sandoval, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 2 Duena, Smith

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Noertker spoke.

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke.

Commissioner Novin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Novin and Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners.

Vice Chair Thomas spoke.

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Thomas and Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners.

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Shimoyama and Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners.

3. 25-54530 Recommendation to receive and file an update from World Trade Center and upcoming 2025 activities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sandoval, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Smith, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama

No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 1 Duena

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Vice Chair Thomas spoke.

Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center, spoke.

Commissioner Jacquez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Jacquez and Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center.

Commissioner Sandoval spoke.

Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center, spoke.

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Shimoyama and Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center.

4. 25-54529 Recommendation to receive and file Executive Director's Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sandoval, seconded by Commissioner Noertker, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 2 Duena, Smith

Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Economic Development, spoke.

Commissioner Metoyer spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Economic Development, spoke.

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

Commissioner Wunsch spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Economic Development, spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNEMENT

At 4:34 PM, there being no objection, Chair Shimoyama declared the meeting adjourned.